



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members not in attendance: Verdell Jackson and Mark Siderius Supervisors. Absences are excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps and FCD; Mark Chace; Ron Schlegel; Cameron Wohlschegel, FH Stoltze; Samantha Tappenbeck, SWCDM; Caitlin Overland, Flathead County Attorney's Office; Don Murray; Marcel Quinn; Mikel Siemens.

MINUTES

Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 Business meeting as presented." Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: Report from Jeff Tiberi, MACD, regarding July trip to Washington, D.C.
 2. Email: NRCS is hosting a conservation easement workshop, August 12, Helena USFS Office, 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Contact abby.dresser@mt.usda.gov.
 3. Email: Sweetgrass CD is hosting the 2016 Montana Range Tour, September 7-8, Big Timber. Contact 406-932-5160, Ext. 101.
 4. Email: Summer edition of Lower Musselshell Conservation District newsletter *LMCD Conservation News*
 5. Email: Summer edition of McCone Conservation District newsletter *Conservation News*
 6. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting notice, Thursday, August 18, 6:00 P.M., 1005 Baker Avenue, Whitefish
 7. Email: Carbon Conservation District is hosting the *Economics of Reduced Tillage in Sugar Beets* workshop, August 25. Contact Mabel.Schwend@mt.nacdnet.net
 8. Email: July 27 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
 9. Email: National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) *Forestry Notes*
 10. Email: DEQ grant funding request review meeting/conference call, August 18. Contact mockey@mt.gov
 11. Email: Comments due August 12 to Montana Association of Conservation Districts
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- (MACD) regarding Exempt Wells, Water Supply and Availability in Montana. Contact jtiberi@macdnet.org
12. Email: Nonpoint Source Monitoring Workshop, August 23-25, Salt Lake City, Utah. Contact Peter Monahan, 303-312-6946.
 13. Email: Updated Supervisor Elections information from DNRC.
 14. Email: Report from Jeff Tiberi, MACD, regarding 7/21-7/22 Environmental Quality Council Meeting.
 15. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council is hosting the 2016 WAWG Tour, August 30-31, Butte. Contact Mark Ockey, DEQ, mockey@mt.gov
 16. Email: The date for the *Meet & Greet* with legislators has changed to Tuesday, January 24, 2017, Helena. Contact Jeff Tiberi, MACD, jtiberi@macdnet.org

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$135.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Montana Sky Networks \$20.00
4. Mountain States Leasing- Kalispell \$1545.56
5. Flathead Beacon \$956.68

Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Mark Chace stated he submitted a 310-application today for Johnson, as the work needs to be done before the weather turns. An on-site was set for Tuesday, August 16, 9:30 AM at the site.

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FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2016037, Trumbull Creek, road const/bk stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, August 16, 10:45 AM at the Forestry Expo site grandstands.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2016038, Trumbull Creek, road const/bk stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, August 16, August 16, 10:45 AM at the Forestry Expo site grandstands.

FRAZAR, FL2016040C, Cow Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the landowner.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OURS LAND, FL2015047, Flathead River, permit extension request: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



PACIFICORP, FL2016036, Swan River, gravel placement: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to table, awaiting further information from the applicant.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded.

SLACK, FL2016035C, Flathead River, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, August 16; meeting 12:30 at Helena Flats School.

SMITH, FL2016023C, East Spring Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table, awaiting additional information from the complainant.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STALOWY, FL2016007C/FL2016008C/FL2016009C, Bear Creek, complaints: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to table, awaiting the technical review information from the consultant. This will be placed on the August business meeting agenda **if** the information comes in.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Camisha Sawtelle asked Mikel Siemens and Marcel Quinn about the work that is continuing at the site. Mikel stated they are in low flow conditions and are working in compliance with other permits (DEQ). Valerie Kurth will request a copy of Stalowy’s DEQ permit.

The board asked Marcel about Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permits. Marcel stated ACOE had previously made a non-jurisdictional decision. Marcel stated current work is limited to beaver pond/the wetland area. The dredging project is to move the stock piled material in the pond. Measures are being taken to handle run off. Work will continue as described in previous permit applications.

The board asked Caitlin Overland about a conservation district’s authority to issue a stop work order. Caitlin will look up the rules and contact FCD.

Dean Sirucek made motion “at the meeting that the Stalowy 310 technical review is discussed, we request Don McIntyre’s and Caitlin Overland’s presence. We request they be in the district office one hour before the meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried with one no vote.

WEYERHAEUSER, FL2016039, Briggs Creek, remove culvert: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to waive the on-site and approve the application as proposed.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS

RESOURCE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: Discussion held.

Pete Woll made a motion “to fund the overnight trip for Valerie Kurth, Camisha Sawtelle & someone from the HBWC to go to Lewistown to present the 223-grant request for culvert replacement on Haskill Basin Road.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

310 ADMIN GRANT CDA-16-1752: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve and submit the final report for 310-Administrative grant #CDA-16-1752 to DNRC.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY AUDIT: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to have John Ellis talk with Flathead County GIS about doing another tax audit.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Fair booth volunteers
- SWCDM
- Flathead Basin Commission AIS funding
- 310 Follow-ups

The next Business meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to adjourn.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>8/22/2016</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
<i>(Date)</i>	<i>(Signature)</i>	<i>(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)</i>

